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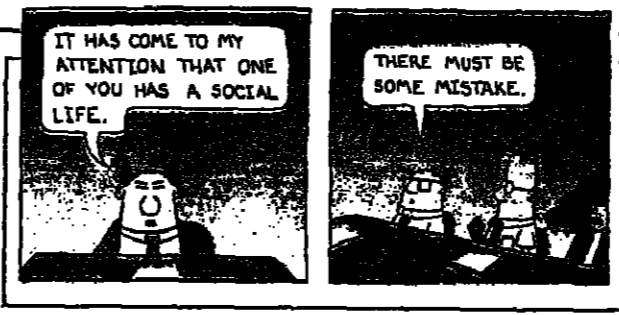
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Yatom, deputy expected to get warning letters

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN The Ciechanover Committee, which is probing the abortive attempt to assassinate in Jordan Hamas leader Khaled Mashaal, is expected to issue warning letters to Mossad head Danny Yatom and H. Yatom's unofficial deputy and head of Mossad operations, Channel 1 reported.

The report came from veteran journalist Amnon Abramowitz, who is considered particularly well-informed on Israel's intelligence community in general, and the Mossad in particular. Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who testified before the committee on Friday, reportedly gave full backing to Yatom.

case the main plan failed and no real plan of escape was made, Channel 1 said. The assassins reportedly were supposed to have masqueraded as actors in a street theater. They were to have staged a performance near Mashaal and then gotten close enough to clandestinely "brush" him with a toxin that would have killed him days, or even a week later, the TV said.

a waiting car, Channel 1 said. They drove for about 300 meters when, unexpectedly, they got out and tried to hail a taxi. But a Hamas activist who witnessed the event caught up with them and together with a passing off-duty Jordanian policeman succeeded in detaining the Mossad agents, the TV said.

animals, did not always result in their deaths. Netanyahu told the committee that he approved the assassination plan after he was briefed by Yatom on Mashaal's part in Hamas terrorism, Channel 2 reported. The prime minister reportedly said that carrying it out in Jordan was "unavoidable."

But spokesman Shai Bazak told Israel Radio that it appeared that Friday's appearance would be Netanyahu's "first and last testimony." "I have no doubt that when the investigation of the clarification committee appointed by the prime minister concludes, many people who slandered the prime minister will eat their hats," Bazak added.

2 soldiers hurt in Lebanon

By DAVID RUDGE Two IDF soldiers were wounded - one seriously - during heavy fighting in south Lebanon early yesterday morning. The previous day, Golani soldiers ambushed and killed three gunmen, apparently from Islamic Jihad. Sec.-Lt. Eran Halperin was in serious but stable condition in Hazifa's Rambam Hospital last night. He and the other wounded soldier, both from the Golani Brigade, were part of an infantry unit that was on duty near the Rehan outpost in the security zone's northeastern sector late Friday night.



US maneuvers in Egypt An Egyptian armored personnel carrier is unloaded from an air-cushioned American landing craft at Red Beach, 100 kilometers west of Alexandria yesterday, during 'Bright Star 97' maneuvers by the US, Egypt, Great Britain, France, Italy, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates.

Primakov visit to focus on Iran

By JAY BUSHINSKY Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov's visit here today and tomorrow is expected to focus on the threat to regional stability posed by the country's involvement in Iran's missile buildup. Official sources said it also will deal with the Middle East peace process, which Moscow and Washington have cosponsored since the 1991 Madrid conference.

Mordechai seeking to take lead in compromise effort on Likud primaries

By SARAH HONG Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai plans to get all Likud ministers to adopt a unified, "synthesis" stance on whether or not to abandon party primaries. The Likud arena is expected to heat up this week as the convention steering committee begins its deliberations. The primaries' fate is due to come up before the party convention on November 9.

A tale of vested interests

The pandemonium in the Likud about a possible retreat from the primaries system has less to do with a pro- or anti-Netanyahu alignment than with a variety of groups protecting vested political interests. The proposal was first made by veteran anti-primaries campaigner MK Uzi Landau, who has put it on the agenda for the Likud convention, which meets next month.

5 killed in Ayalon crash

Five people were killed and five others injured before dawn Friday, when a car crashed into a semi-trailer parked near the Hashalom exit on the Ayalon expressway, then ricocheted back onto the road where it was struck by the car behind it.

Winning cards

In yesterday's first bid, the winning bid was the bid of \$1.2 billion for the 9 of diamonds, one of the 100 cards.

The budget

Following three years of being more than 1% below the target, the government's 1998 budget is projected to be 1.4% in excess of the GDP.

Mordechai: stick to Wrath

According to reports, Mordechai has been critical of the Likud's decision to hold primaries, arguing that it is a step towards a two-party system.

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Qatar: More than 500 firms plan to attend eco conference US gun-import ban unlikely to affect Uzis

DOHA, Qatar (AP) - More than 500 companies will attend the economic conference here next month that several Arab states are boycotting, the Qatari chamber of commerce said yesterday.

The businessmen that the MENA conference was not just for governments, but also for the private sector.

The US has urged Arab countries to attend. Robert Pelletreau, a retired US undersecretary of state for near eastern affairs, arrived in Doha yesterday for a conference on security in the Gulf.

After a clamor in the Senate over the import of Uzis into the US, President Bill Clinton is expected to limit the entry of foreign assault-style weapons that have been modified to circumvent a federal ban.

"It's virtually worthless if it does not include pending imports," Feinstein said. "That's the whole purpose; to stop these weapons from coming into the country."

The US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms issued the import permit to TAAS-Israel Industries for the commercial sale of thousands of Uzis and Galils.

block the import of the Israeli weapons and to suspend imports of all semiautomatic weapons, saying that foreign arms-makers were exploiting loopholes in a 1994 assault weapons ban by making only cosmetic changes in the weapons.



Reservists demand Netanyahu step down Reserve soldiers pose with a placard reading 'Reservists against Bibi' on Friday as they call for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to resign following his comment last week that the Left has forgotten what it means to be Jewish. (Yael Somech/Israel Sun)

US Jews pledge \$18m. to fight assimilation, boost education

American philanthropists and business leaders are seeking to prop up Jewish education in North America, pledging \$18 million over the next five years to promote Jewish schools and fend off assimilation.

The average tuition in the US, outside of New York, is \$5,000 a year. In the New York area, the annual fees may exceed \$12,000.

program, according to the weekly Forward. The number of children enrolled in Sunday schools and synagogue-based supplemental schools has fallen by 12% since 1988, the Forward reported in last week's editions.

Public hospitals plan to strike on Tuesday as IMA renews sanctions

All public general hospitals will be run on an emergency schedule on Tuesday due to a 24-hour strike by members of the Israel Medical Association.

The IMA is thus resuming sanctions which it carried out for three weeks before Rosh Hashana but then suspended to give time for negotiations during the holidays.

public general hospitals; outpatient clinics and diagnostic institutes will shut down; and only the minimum number of physicians will be on the wards.

US legislators slam Malaysian PM's antisemitism

LOS ANGELES - California legislators have vigorously protested remarks by the prime minister of Malaysia, who recently blamed the weakening of his country's currency on a Jewish conspiracy.

and blatantly antisemitic" remarks. Boxer, a Democrat, demanded an immediate apology from the prime minister.

Rep. Howard Berman declared in a telephone interview that, "After years of efforts to encourage American investments and technological aid for Malaysia, the prime minister's vicious and insulting outbursts will have profoundly negative effects."

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Wiesenthal Center, charged that by playing "the stereotypical racist card, [the prime minister] will only bolster extremist forces throughout the Moslem world."

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

The controversial proposal to abandon the primaries and return to the elections via the central committee in the Likud, in addition to the speculation regarding Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's preference for this, preoccupied this weekend's Hebrew press.

board, where the candidates for the next Knesset are standing and he does what he wants with them: promotes, regresses and throws out."

moves," *Yedioth's* Sever Plotzker writes, adding that he expects that by today the market will fluctuate.

It is difficult to assess whether Netanyahu is displaying his already proven talent at aiming the gun at his own legs or whether there is a hint that early elections are approaching.

Netanyahu's loud whisper to Rabbi Yitzhak Kadouri, claiming that the Left has "forgotten what it means to be Jews and that they think that our security should be in the hands of the Arabs," made its way to the media, provoking extensive responses.

Turning to an assessment of the economic front in Israel, Yossi Grinstein in *Ma'ariv* draws a bleak forecast for 1998: "The decrease in investments ... announces that the recession and unemployment will still be here next year."

"Avigdor Lieberman, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, seeks to present his candidacy for the next Knesset election ... while Netanyahu seeks to prevent a courtship uprising," states Ya'acov Yitzhak for *Ma'ariv*.

The crash of the Hong Kong stock exchange last Thursday "may lead to a chain reaction and if it continues, may cause a worldwide recession," states David Lipkin in *Ma'ariv*.

Barak's Finklestein In an article for *Ma'ariv* entitled "Do you want to be my Arthur?" Eli Kamir profiles Peter Mendelson, who might become the Labor Party's answer to Likud campaign adviser Arthur Finklestein.

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Arafat urges EU pressure on Israel

BONN (Reuters) - Palestinian President Yasser Arafat urged Europe yesterday to put "constructive pressure" on Israel to break a deadlock in peace talks.

Arafat told a news conference with Germany's Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel that Israel could benefit from trade with the European Union had a political role to play.

"Sixty percent of Israel's economy is bound up with Europe," Arafat said. "How can it expect to lay the economic card without playing the political card?"

On the final day of his visit to Germany, Arafat also accused Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu of blocking peace by continuing Jewish settlements, building and halting troop movements.

"We are calling for constructive pressure on the Netanyahu government to continue the peace process and implement the agreements that it has made," Arafat added.

The EU is the biggest aid donor to the Palestinians, Germany which has provided aid worth \$685 million, has become the biggest European aid donor to the Palestinians.

Kinkel said he would convey Arafat's message to a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Luxembourg. But he said Germany had only limited ability to influence Israel "because of our past."

Germany has flexed its diplomatic muscle in the Middle East since its 1990 unification and the Oslo accords but it has shied from Israel's debates with the EU.

Arafat said Europe should use special Middle East envoy Miguel Moratinos was among the first to initiate with the United States to rescue peace.

At a meeting between Arafat and Germany's Chancellor Helmut Kohl on Friday, Kohl said he announced their growing cooperation the current state of the peace process of the Oslo Accords.

The chancellor said he would urge the German government to do everything possible to help Israel's efforts to support the peace process," he said.

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Vikings try to make matters worse for Buccaneers

NEW YORK (AP) - The bye week came just in time for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to regroup after two losses in a row. Now the team that had defied its losing tradition with a 5-0 start plays host to Minnesota, the second party in a three-way tie with Green Bay atop the NFC Central.

"It probably came at a good time to let us step back and examine what we were doing well at at the beginning of the year," says coach Tony Dungy after a start that made the Bucs, without a winning season since 1982, a national phenomenon.

The Vikings, who lost to the Bucs 28-14 at home, have won three straight. But the biggest break for Minnesota is the health of running back Robert Smith, who has avoided injury for the first time in his five-year career.

He's gained 745 yards and his 5.8-yard average is the best in the NFL for a regular - better than the 5.3 of Detroit's Barry Sanders, whose 80- and 82-yard TD runs beat the Bucs in their last game.

Green Bay (5-2) at New England (5-2) The Packers went into the bye week after barely escaping, 24-23, against wireless Chicago, and Mike Holmgren was quick to assess the blame.

"I was so bound and determined not to let this team become complacent that maybe my approach has created some tough situations for some of my players," he said. There are fans in New England who think the Pats have coaching problems, too, particularly after Bill Parcells, who deserted after the Patriots' Super Bowl loss, beat them 24-19 with the Jets last Sunday by inserting backup quarterback Glenn Foley at halftime.

Jacksonville when Norm Johnson's potential game-winning field goal was blocked and returned for a touchdown on the game's final play. That means if Jacksonville wins this game, it'll have a one-game edge plus a tiebreaker in the AFC Central.

Pittsburgh's strategy has to be to run Jerome Bettis, who tore up the Jaguars in the second half in Jacksonville and had 135 yards against the Ravens last week. Jacksonville's strategy has to be to throw - Mark Brunell, in his first game back from a knee injury, passed for 306 yards in the first meeting.

Dallas (4-3) at Philadelphia (3-4) Some of the Cowboys suggested their troubles were over when they beat Jacksonville last week and Emmitt Smith finally got into the end zone. But Dallas' three losses were division road games to the Cardinals, Giants and Redskins, and another one here wouldn't help them at all.

The Eagles should have won in Dallas. That was the night Tommy Hutton fumbled the snap on a potential game-winning field goal. Hutton held two snaps last week and Chris Boniol tied the game in regulation and won it in overtime against the Cardinals, as QB Rodney Peete made his first start in place of Ty Detmer.

night what he can do as a receiver when he's motivated. Oakland (3-4) at Seattle (4-3) The Raiders have to keep the momentum they gained by beating Denver. The Seahawks, who have won four of five after an 0-2 start, need a solid division win.

Napoleon Kaufman of the Raiders ran for 227 yards last week. Seattle's Steve Broussard, the 30-year-old journeyman who's gained 263 yards in 29 carries, a 9.1 average, may start for the injured Lamar Smith. Cincinnati (1-6) at New York Giants (5-3) The watchword for the Giants this week is "don't be overconfident," not bad for a team that's surprisingly atop the NFC East but 11-21 the past two seasons.

The Bengals, bickering among themselves, have the same record they had last season when Dave Shula was fired. They have only seven sacks all season (the Giants have 27), which could give Danny Kanell a nice comfort zone. San Francisco (6-1) at New Orleans (2-6) The 49ers have scored 30 points or more in five straight games, including a 33-7 win over the Saints in San Francisco. But this could be a little dicey: The offensive line is banged up again and the Saints' pass rush is the strength of their defense.

But the New Orleans offense against the Niners' defense is a worse mismatch. Danny Wuerffel is the quarterback for Heath Shuler; each threw three interceptions in the first meeting, when the Saints had nine turnovers. Chicago (0-7) at Miami (5-2) This could be switched to tomorrow night because of the weekend World Series game at Pro Player Stadium. The Bears, coming off a bye week, have declared this a new season. The Dolphins, coming off a win in Baltimore, have declared this a new career for Dan Marino, now back in his accustomed place among the game's top quarterbacks.

straight, largely because their defense is reverting to its dismal 1996 form. The Redskins have lost seven straight the week after playing Dallas; after beating the Cowboys two weeks ago, they were beaten 28-14 in Tennessee despite having at least half the crowd on their side.

Norv Turner seems to be losing patience with Gus Frerotte, who threw three interceptions against the Oilers, and Jeff Hostetler could surface soon. Kansas City (5-2) at St. Louis (2-5) The Rams are showing signs of stress. Isaac Bruce, who's missed most of the season with a hamstring pull, was publicly critical of the play-calling after the 17-9 loss to Seattle last week.

The Chiefs are showing signs of contending in the AFC West: They're only a game behind the Broncos now and get them at home in three weeks. Tennessee (3-4) at Arizona (1-6) Tennessee might have felt right at home, likely to see only about 30,000 in 73,000-seat Sun Devil Stadium if local hero Jake Plummer wasn't starting at quarterback. Now, the stands could be a lot more crowded.

"I haven't given up on the season yet," says Cards coach Vince Tobin, whose team has lost twice by one point, twice in overtime and once by three. Indianapolis (0-7) at San Diego (3-4) The Colts' last four losses have come by a total of 11 points. But a loss is a loss, and Indianapolis has scored just seven touchdowns all season, one of them on defense. The Chargers got both quarterbacks hurt in last Thursday's 31-3 loss in Kansas City. But Stan Humphries says he can play after a concussion and Jim Everett will probably be ready, too.

National Football League Individual Leaders

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Others noted that Thursday's crash followed a year of giddy rises past the 16,000 mark, which some economists had said was excessive. The market had been in the 12,000 range one year ago, not dramatically higher than Friday's final 11,444.34 level.

Newspapers forecast tougher times for mortgage payers, restaurants and the luxury car market because of higher interest rates.

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Others noted that Thursday's crash followed a year of giddy rises past the 16,000 mark, which some economists had said was excessive. The market had been in the 12,000 range one year ago, not dramatically higher than Friday's final 11,444.34 level.

STOCKS

Dow Jones 7715.41 v 1.69 FTSE 4970.2 v 0.43 Nikkei 17363.74 v 1.24

forced higher interest rates, and in turn triggered the stock sell-off. The Hong Kong Association of Banks raised savings deposit interest rates Friday by 0.75 percentage points to 4.75% - a move widely expected after individual banks lifted their prime lending rates by the same margin Thursday, to 9.5%.

Instead of rushing to pull out their savings in panic, said Bradbury, many investors were boosting their deposits to take advantage of the improved earnings.

The big test will be property prices, he said. "The buyers will be staying away, and anybody who wants to sell is going to have to drop their price," he said.

Faber predicted a 30% to 50% decline in Hong Kong property prices over the next six months to a year. The government has acknowledged the economy probably won't achieve the 5.5% growth it previously forecast for 1997.

Banks say 1998 growth will be slower still. Elsewhere in Asia, Tokyo stocks rebounded after their two-year low Thursday, with the benchmark 225-issue Nikkei Stock Average gaining 212.19 points, or 1.24%, to 17,363.74.

In Seoul, however, the Korea Stock Exchange plunged at the close of trading Friday to finish at 570.91 points, down 5.5%, the biggest one-day loss in history.

Singapore's benchmark index shed 1.9%, following on a 5% loss Thursday. Malaysian stocks were down 1.9%, while Philippine stocks finished the day 0.8% higher after Thursday's 5% loss.

Taiwan's stock market suffered a sharp selloff at the start, but calmed down to finish only 1.9% lower. In New Zealand, the NZSE-40 capital index closed 5.4% lower. Australia's All Ordinaries Index was down 3.2% at mid-session, but recovered somewhat to close 2.1% lower.

He said people were less worried about the stock market than the stability of Hong Kong's currency, which the government said had come under speculative attack. It was the government's efforts to beat back the speculators that

closed with a small loss. Frankfurt's DAX index closed with a gain of 1.9%, but its close came before other markets started turning lower in the afternoon.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

Table showing currency deposit rates for various banks and currencies.

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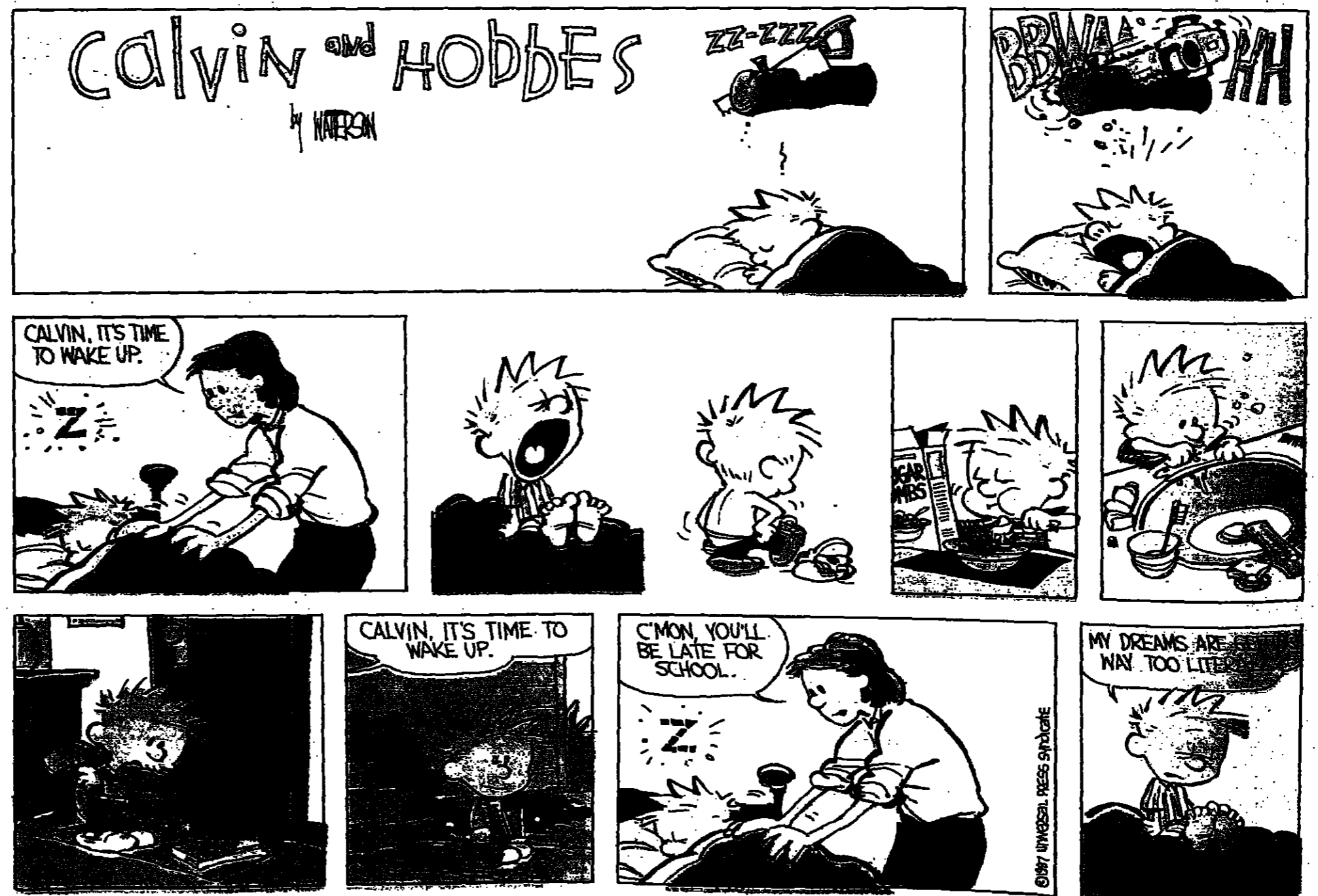
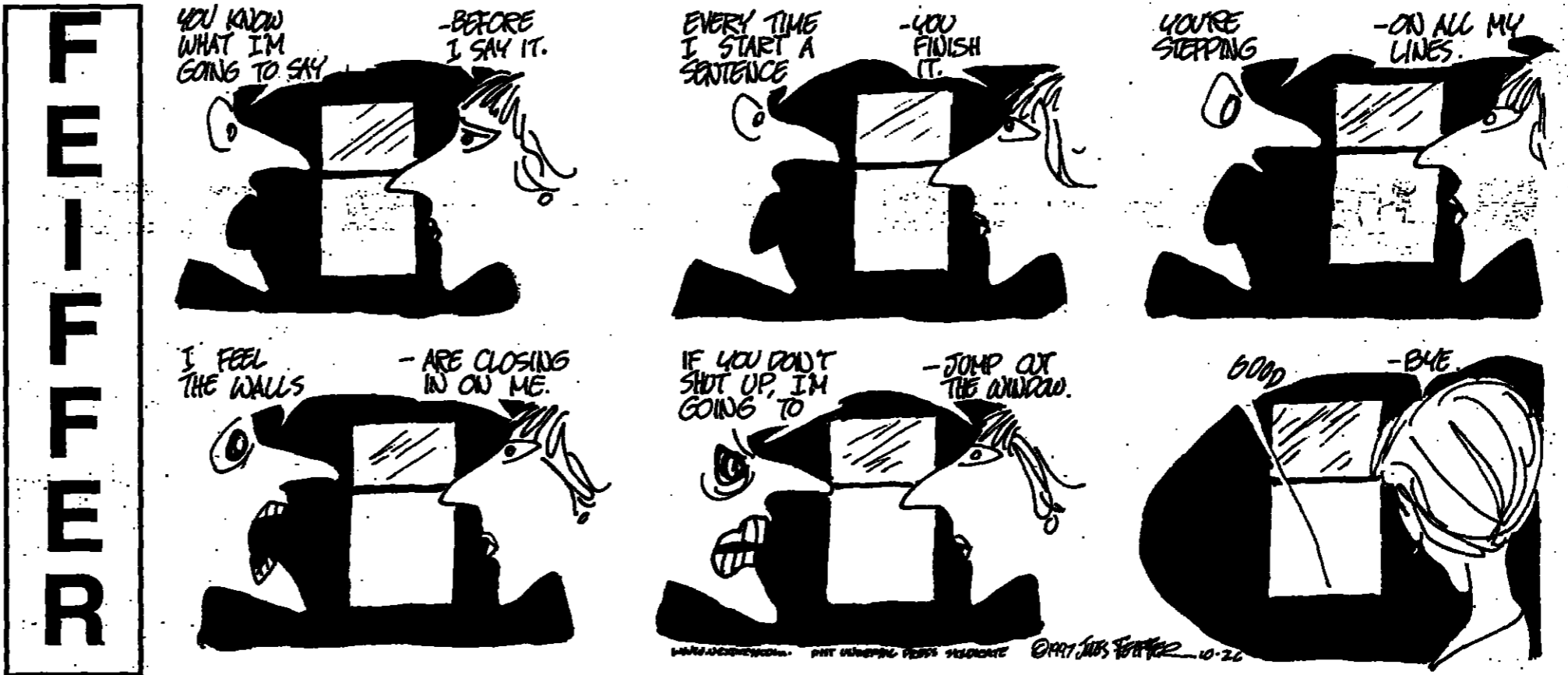
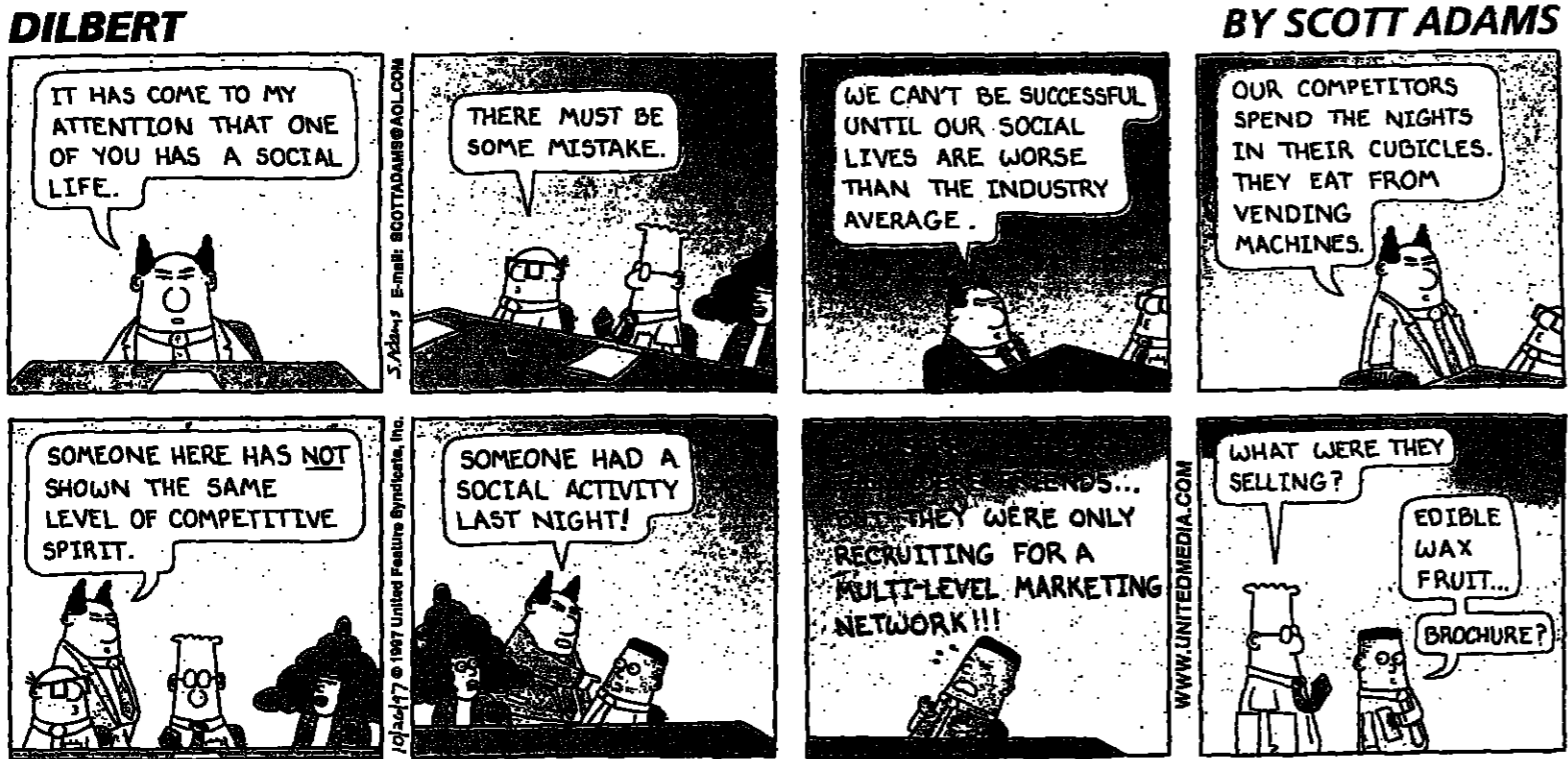
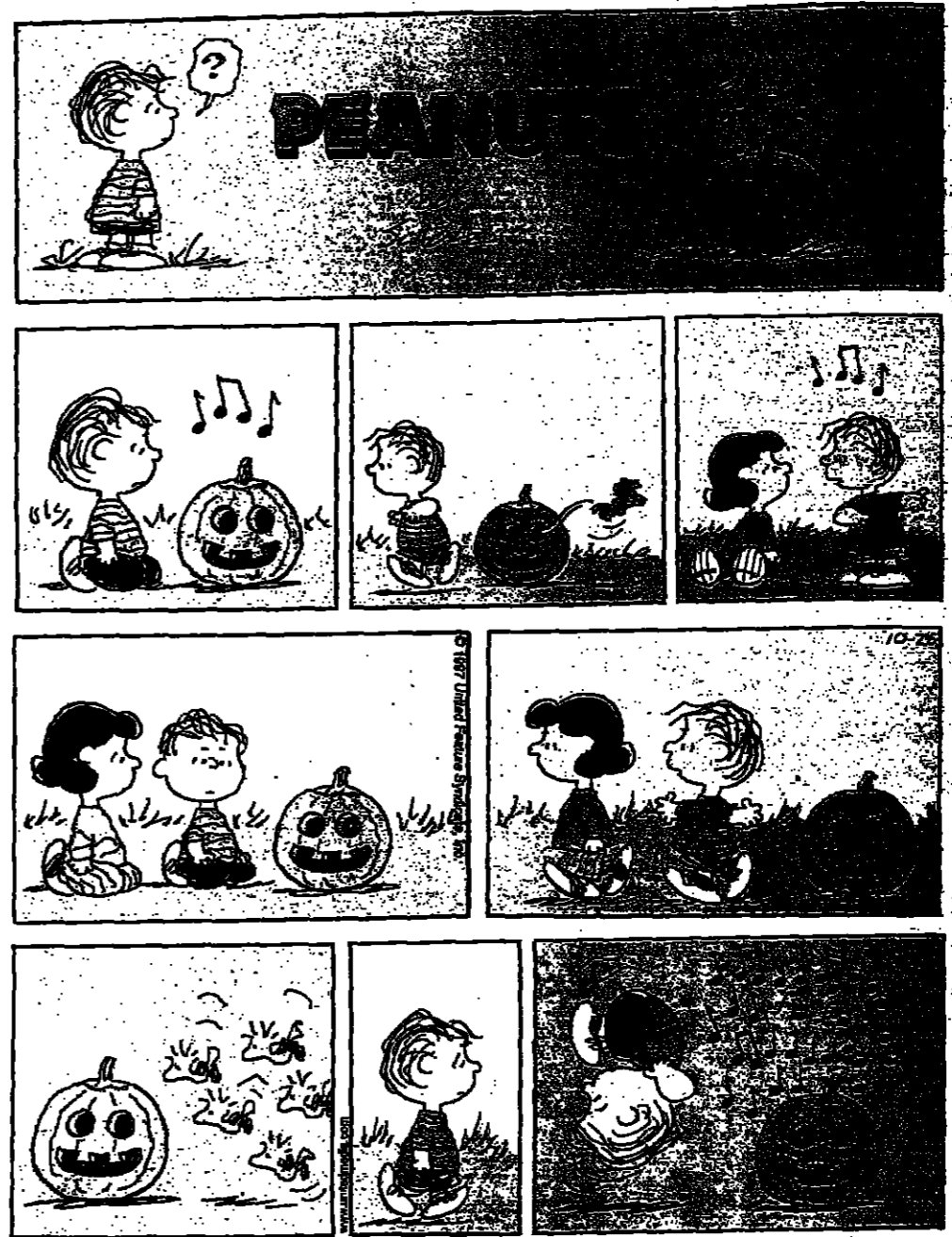
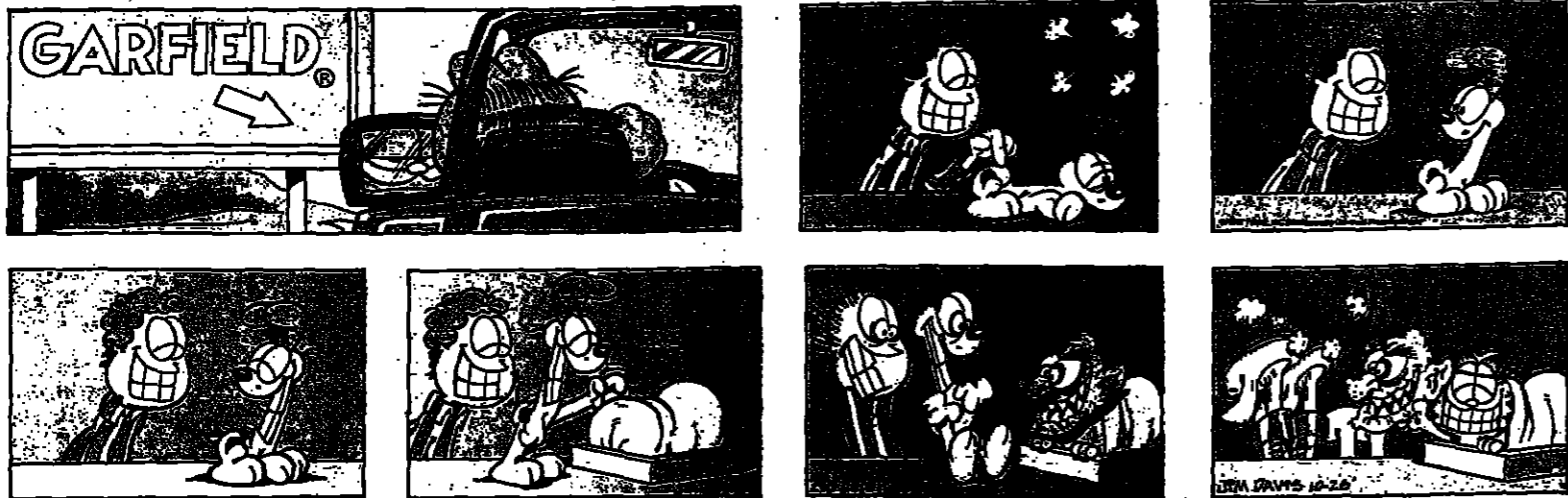
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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Heinz Henig leads the Israel Chamber Orchestra in Schubert's fifth mass, Mendelssohn's Psalms 100, the Schubert Magnificat, and excerpts from Mendelssohn's Elijah tonight and tomorrow (8:30) at the Tel Aviv Museum. The Hanover Children's Choir and soloists from Israel and abroad, including alto Edna Prochnik, join as well. The Israel Andalusian Orchestra performs tonight in Ashdod, Tuesday in Netivot, and Thursday in Hazor (8:30). All concerts under the baton of music director Avi Eilam Amzaleg.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** THE PEACEMAKER - In its unabashedly formulaic and commercial way, this first film by the DreamWorks studio is an entertaining bit of pseudo-realistic escapism. The movie stars George Clooney and Nicole Kidman as an intelligence officer in the US Army's Special Forces and a White House nuclear expert, respectively, hot on the trail of a batch of stolen nuclear warheads being smuggled through Eastern Europe toward some unknown terrorist target. Directed by Mimi Leder, who got her start behind the camera on ER, the picture blends action and emotion in careful measure and with more than a few tricks borrowed from that successful TV show. To her credit, Leder seems more interested in continuous motion than she does in violence per se. The movie has its fair share of high-speed car chase, sudden shoot-outs and late night train hijackings, although for the most part she prefers to steer our gaze away from the really grizzly stuff and cut to what matters on a narrative level. With the Romanian actor Marcel Iures as a surprisingly human bad guy, (English dialogue with some Russian and Serbo-Croatian, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

*** CONTACT - Based on the novel by Carl Sagan and directed by Robert Zemeckis, this may well be the most self-important sci-fi movie ever made - which is not to say that it's not enjoyable. Blending piety and camp in peculiar measure, the movie manages to hold us firm by means of skillful storytelling and the sturdy, thoughtful presence of Jodie Foster in the role of Ellie Arroway, the atheistic radio astronomer whose determination to find signs of extraterrestrial life is rewarded when



Nicole Kidman stars as an expert on nuclear smuggling in 'The Peacemaker.'

she begins to receive transmissions from the star Vega. As the picture goes on, and Ellie, Bill Clinton and the rest of the world must decide how exactly to respond to these celestial halloos, the film moves into high goofy gear, asking gargantuan questions about Science, God and Truth as it loads on both the super-duper special effects and the squishy sentimentality. With Matthew McConaughey, James Woods, as well as the American president and a host of real-life TV personalities as themselves. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

Those who prefer the slow unraveling of British style drama to the fast, violent American style should enjoy the six-part BBC drama Crow Road airing tonight on Channel 1 at 10:35. This is the story of the McHoan family and, more particularly, the 20-year-old student, Prentice, who is searching for the answer to the big questions in life. Prentice is also searching for his long-lost uncle Rory, basing his search on a diskette he found with some of Rory's last writings. This quest takes Prentice on a journey through the events that surrounded the family over the past 30 years. With Joseph McPadden and Bill Paterson.

TV

CHANNEL 1

6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

6:00 Globe Watch
8:30 Destinos
8:00 Science and Math
10:00 Pretty Butterfly
11:00 Environment
11:30 Animals of the Mediterranean
12:00 Math
12:30 Communication
13:00 Math
13:30 Cartoons
15:00 Pretty Butterfly

CHANNEL 1

15:30 Pink Panther
15:55 Super Ben
16:00 The Road to Avonlea
16:25 Super Ben
16:58 A New Evening
17:34 Zippy Wave
18:00 Super Ben
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

16:30 Arna and Kama's Studio
18:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 News flash
19:31 Home Improvement: The Niles Truth
20:00 News
20:45 A Moment in Life - traffic offenses caught by police cameras
20:50 Second Look
21:40 World Soccer
22:35 Crow Road - new British drama about the events affecting the lives of the MacHoan family in western Scotland. With Joseph McPadden, Bill Paterson and Gavin Miller
23:30 News
00:00 A Glimpse at Yair

CHANNEL 2

6:15 Today's programs
6:25 On the Edge of the Edge
6:30 Spideeman
6:35 Coffee with Tel-Ad
9:00 Ruby
10:00 Thrysumming
10:30 American Idol
11:30 Empty Nest
12:00 Simon - comedy
12:30 Doggie Houser
13:00 Riding High
13:30 Summer Patis
14:00 Home and Away
14:30 To: Tac
15:00 Meeting Point
16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful
16:50 Different Driving
17:00 Five with Fiat Reshuf
17:30 Click
18:00 Part Charies
19:00 Movie Magic
19:30 World Travel
20:00 News
20:30 It's Be OK - with
22:00 Florina, part 4
22:40 Nabil and Hisham: Peace, Friends - documentary about the Israeli tour of two Jordanian comedians
00:00 News
00:05 Screen Test - short films
00:40 Who's Child is This? - true story of a couple who adopted a girl who was later claimed by her biological parents. With Susan Day
2:15 On the Edge of the Shell

JORDAN TV

13:00 Holy Koran

15:30 Cartoons
14:00 Energy Express
15:00 American Chart Show

17:00 French programs
18:30 News in French
18:30 News headlines
18:35 The Fresh Prince of Bel Air
19:00 Cinema, Cinema
19:30 National Geographic
20:10 Renegade
21:00 News in English
21:30 One West
22:15 Sisters

MIDDLE EAST TV

11:00 Changed Lives
11:30 Hour of Power
12:30 Central Message
13:00 Love Worth Finding
14:00 This is Your Day
14:30 News in Arabic
15:00 In Touch
16:00 The 700 Club
16:30 Times of Joy
16:45 Gospel 58
17:15 The Story Keepers
17:40 Space Cases
18:05 Super Boy
18:30 Watch This
18:50 What Would You Do?

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Unspeakable Acts (1990) - two psychologists uncover child abuse. With Jill Clayburgh
12:00 Evening Stars
14:00 Hearshes (1982) - a pregnant woman deserts her immature husband and goes to the city to have an abortion. 15:30 I'll Fly Away Then and Now (1994) - sequel to the smash TV series about a southern lawyer and his black housekeeper battling racism. With Sam Waterston
17:10 She Woke Up (1992) - a socialite wakes up after a year with Peter Lindbergh
18:45 Another Woman (1984) - a woman with amnesia tries to rebuild her life with the help of her loving husband
20:20 Uncut Gems (1995) - a jewelry heist goes wrong
22:00 Echo (1996) - identical twins who were separated at birth meet and a killer assumes his brother's identity
23:35 Eddie King (1986) - an unemployed actor is swept into the underworld. With Ewan Bloom, Shai Pand and Gary Busey
1:10 The Last Hero (1993) - martial arts
2:40 Household Saints (1993) - warm portrait of the lives of generations of Italian-American women (123 mins.)

ETV 2 (23)

15:30 Echo Point
16:00 Everything's Open
16:30 World Youth News
17:00 Little Morocco
17:30 Masarat - quiz in Arabic
18:00 Crossroad Cafe - English language for adults
18:30 Dealing with Dogs
19:00 Globe Watch: The USA in a New View
19:30 Via & Via
20:00 A New Evening
20:30 On Second Thought
21:00 Jacques de Narbonne - film about the childhood of director Jacques Demy
23:00 Ocean Line

FAMILY CHANNEL (9)

7:00 George Clooney Special
7:30 Love Story with Yossi Sages (pt)
8:00 Sunset Beach
9:00 One Life to Live (pt)
9:45 The Young and the Restless (pt)
10:30 Days of Our Lives (pt)
11:15 Zingara (pt)
12:00 Barnaby Jones
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PRIME TIME TV

Table with 5 columns and 10 rows showing TV schedules for various channels like News, World Travel, Beverly Hills 90210, etc.

young postman spies on the people he delivers letters to... STAR PLUS... CHANNEL 8... CHANNEL 5... CHANNEL 6... EUROSPORT... NBC SUPERCHANNEL... STAR SPORTS... VOICE OF MUSIC... RADIO... MOVIES



CRYPTIC CROSSWORD

ACROSS
5 A winger, a Greek character, gone berserk (6)
8 Provided only of the same size (2,4,2)
9 Shops keep one for the accounts (7)
10 Give instruction to a pirate (5)
11 Fair to all - beer's ordered (9)
13 Military personnel, proficient yet withdrawn (8)
14 Spoil a naughty child to show off (6)
17 Tell for instance (3)
19 One's not entirely irreparable (8)
20 A quarter lock - emphasize that (6)
23 Invalids involved in pain test (8)
26 Paid attention after midnight, and looked bright (9)
28 Saying 'take little notice with advancing years' (5)
29 Managed to continue making capital (7)
30 Governor who's grim about rocky situation (8)
31 Tasted awful, so it's claimed (6)
DOWN
1 Entranced over golden eagle (6)
2 A variety of gravel found in Portugal (7)
3 The woman all on her own from choice (9)
4 Article framed by shrewd old king (6)
5 Deplorable way to call for retirement (8)
6 Edgar's rebellious girl (5)
7 Covered or left face-up? (8)
12 No minister may appear eccentric (3)
15 Brought together about a hundred on drugs (9)
16 Set out to entrap law-breaking firm (8)
18 A type of hormone that builds a heavenly body (8)
21 An animal living in the sea perhaps (3)
22 The youngest presented to a princess (7)
24 A good-looking, big shot in the underworld, holding on (6)
25 Blunder in shamefaced to get a drink (3)
27 Sense this would be a great deal (5)

Crossword puzzle grid with solutions provided for across and down words.

QUICK CROSSWORD section with a grid and a list of words to be placed in the grid.

ACROSS: 1 Relay, 4 Shona, 18 Banister, 11 Dixie, 12 Lapses, 13 Gesture, 15 Ulla, 17 Loire, 18 Spial, 22 Avar, 26 Cayenne, 27 Equal, 28 Upeck, 30 Sketchy, 31 Cycle, 32 Sleep. DOWN: 2 Equip, 3 Amateur, 5 Endes, 6 Notsuke, 7 Beams, 8 Feign, 9 Chief, 14 Ease, 16 Loan, 18 Odyssey, 20 Pretext, 21 Scrub, 23 Verse, 24 Slays, 26 Nital, 28 Uncle.

ACROSS: 1 Dimmy (6), 4 Ranges (5), 8 Shift (5), 9 Biggest (7), 11 Soon (4), 12 Pinch (3), 14 Just (4), 15 European mountains (4), 18 Longing (3), 21 Kind (4), 23 Notice (7), 25 Building (7), 26 Musical entertainment (5), 27 Portion (5), 28 Sculpture (6). DOWN: 1 Pester (6), 2 Emblems of royalty (7), 3 Urnal (8), 4 Certain (4), 5 Sea (5), 6 Reach (6), 7 Foreigner (5), 13 Travel document (8), 16 Flawless (7), 17 Slumbering (6), 19 Fictional work (5), 20 Argue (6), 22 Elevate (5), 24 Cereal (4).

Knesset winter session opens tomorrow

Labor, Meretz mull no-confidence vote

By LIAT COLLINS

Both the Labor and Meretz parties are calling for the vote on the prime minister's statement at the opening of the Knesset's winter sitting tomorrow to be turned into a motion of no-confidence.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is scheduled to open the new sitting, in accordance with Knesset tradition, with a political-

diplomatic statement to the country. Most of the Knesset plenum activity for the first week, however, will focus on the first reading of the budget bill.

Undersecretary of State Stuart Eizenstat said "punitive measures" against Swiss banks are counterproductive and ignore that the Swiss "have taken a number of important steps to redress past mistakes and provide assistance to Holocaust survivors."

State Treasurer Matt Fong, dated October 17. Warning that Switzerland is an important economic partner, Eizenstat said that "boycotts and sanctions run afoul of our efforts to maintain open world markets in financial services... I ask therefore that the State of California lift its sanctions against Swiss financial institutions."

Cohen said his party's main goal in the winter session of the Knesset would be to topple Netanyahu's government by democratic means. He also accused Netanyahu of incitement, saying his statement to Kadourie is "behavior not becoming a decent and responsible premier, but that of a populist demagogue speaking from balconies."

WEATHER

Jerusalem: 17-25

Tel Aviv: 18-26

Haifa: 17-25

Be'er Sheva: 19-27

Jericho: 15-23

Forecast: Rise in temperatures.



Some of an estimated 70,000 breakfasters feast at the world's longest table in Tel Aviv. (Reuters)

A long breakfast at the beach

By AMBER LANDEAU

The Israeli breakfast has reached new heights, or lengths, as the case may be. Tel Aviv awoke Friday morning to the longest breakfast table in the world. Stretching south 1.8 kilometers from Gordon Beach to the Dolphinarium, the table has secured a place for Israel in *The Guinness Book of Records*.

The event was held under the auspices of the Greater Tel Aviv Chefs Association, the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Tourism Association, and the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality, and was sponsored by Strauss Dairies.

"They should do this every day," proposed Frenchman Salomon Gabah, watching the crowd estimated at 70,000 enthusiastically breakfasting on mounds of cheese and yogurt.

US: Ease up on Swiss banks

By MARILYN HENRY

As sanctions against the Swiss banks appear to be accelerating in the US, the State Department stepped up its warning against such "punitive measures" and asked that they be lifted.

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European insurers: Halt Holocaust suit

By PATRICIA VOWINKEL

NEW YORK (Reuters) - Thirteen major European insurers moved on Friday to dismiss a complaint Holocaust victims and their families filed earlier this year in the US, according to federal court documents.

The suit seeks class-action certification. The class consists of people who claim to be the policyholders or beneficiaries of life or dowry insurance policies issued by the European insurers in the years in question.

German soldiers probed over neo-Nazi video

By ANNE THOMPSON

BERLIN (AP) - Germany's defense ministry asked prosecutors yesterday to investigate soldiers who performed in a homemade neo-Nazi video in which they give the Hitler salute and talk about killing Jews.

AROUND THE WORLD

City	Low	High	Cloud	
Amsterdam	04	26	11	cloudy
Berlin	-01	20	08	cloudy
Buenos Aires	18	24	75	clear
Calcutta	23	31	75	clear
Chicago	08	16	28	cloudy
Copenhagen	-01	22	08	cloudy
Geneva	00	23	10	cloudy
Hankou	23	27	40	cloudy
Helsinki	-05	23	-01	cloudy
Hong Kong	23	27	40	cloudy
Jakarta	23	27	40	cloudy
Johannesburg	12	24	25	cloudy
London	08	16	22	cloudy
Los Angeles	14	24	23	clear
Madrid	08	23	23	clear
Manila	23	27	40	cloudy
Montreal	-05	23	06	cloudy
Moscow	09	24	15	cloudy
New York	07	17	19	cloudy
Paris	07	17	19	cloudy
Rome	11	17	17	clear
Sydney	14	24	24	clear
Tokyo	19	23	23	clear
Vienna	08	23	23	cloudy
Zurich	08	23	23	cloudy

Winning cards

In Friday's daily Chance drawing, the winning numbers were the nine of clubs, the 10 of hearts, the ace of diamonds and the jack of spades.

DC police sued over treatment of Jews at rally

By ELLI WOLFGELERENTER

Two young Jewish activists are suing a US police agency for violating their constitutional rights two years ago while demonstrating at the Million Man March in Washington, DC.

Ronn Torossian and Moshe Maoz say their First and Fourth Amendment rights were violated when police prevented them from protesting against organizer Louis Farakhan, tore protest signs from their hands, and searched Maoz. The suit is supported by the American Civil Liberties Union.

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